

THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

On November tenth, 1895, the Jewish Publication Society of America offered a prize of One Thousand Dollars for the best story relating to a Jewish subject suited to young readers. The Publication Committee was to act as Judges, and the Society reserved to itself the right of not awarding the prize in case none of the works submitted was satisfactory to the Judges.

The competition closed March first, 1897. Twenty-seven stories were submitted in competition.

After full consideration, the Committee, much to its regret, decided that the prize be not awarded, because, though many of the stories displayed taste and ability, no story of Jewish interest suited to young readers and satisfactory to the Judges was submitted.

CHARLEROI, PA.

On Tuesday evening the marriage of Miss Fannie Miller and Mr. Jacob Stein was celebrated in Masonic Hall. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Julius Silberfeld, of the congregation "Tree of Life," of Pittsburg. There were three bridesmaids, Misses Julia Feldstein, Sadie Gelder and Esther Cohen. The maid of honor was Miss Annie Miller, of Pittsburg. The gentlemen in the bridal party included Jonas Miller, a brother of the bride, who was best man, and three ushers, Ben Gelder, H. Rosenthal and B. Wilson. Dancing concluded the evening's festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Stein left for East Liverpool, where they will make their home.

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Local Happenings

Owing to the extreme interest being taken in the various political contests now waging throughout the country, the members of the Concordia Club and their friends will receive the returns at the club house on Tuesday evening. A private wire has been provided and an operator engaged specially for the occasion.

Miss Rosamond Rodkinson, daughter of Dr. M. L. Rodkinson, of Cincinnati, was in the city this week, a guest at the Anderson. Dr. Rodkinson, conjointly with Dr. Levy of Philadelphia, were the translators of the new edition of the Babylonian Talmud, and Miss Rodkinson was here in the interest of her father's publication.

On Sunday evening at Turner Hall, Forbes street, Pittsburg, will be held a rousing meeting by the enthusiasts of the Zionistic movement. An effort will be made to organize a local society and further the movement which Drs. Max Nordau and Theo. Herzl are endeavoring to develop, that of the colonization of Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish state.

Indications so far lend assurance to the prediction that the appearance of Anton Seidl and his Grand Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, Pittsburg, next Monday evening will prove a great artistic and social success. The seat sale has been exceptionally large and it is safe to say that few CRITERION readers will let so splendid an opportunity slip by. A splendid program has been arranged for the orchestra and Mme. Rivingking will be heard in three of Saint-Saens' choicest compositions.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Ball, of Warren, Pa., were guests of relatives and friends in the city the past week. They were on their wedding journey, having been married in Tonawanda, N. Y., on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Ball was formerly Miss Lena Goodman of this city. While in Pittsburg they received much social attention. They left for their future home in Warren, Pa., on Thursday.

The entertainment committee of the Disraeli Society has arranged a whist tournament for its members for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Seven games will be played each evening at the club house in Jackson street, and at the conclusion of the third nights' contest, prizes will be awarded to the two members winning the largest number of games.

A special meeting of Rodef Sholem congregation was held on Sunday morning last in the vestry rooms of the temple, Eighth street. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed to investigate the question of site for a new temple. This committee reported that if a new temple were to be erected in its present location, there would be a certain addition of seventy-two pews, which for some time to come would be adequate for the congregation's needs. Plans,

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